

In so doing, we can support this next generation to ensure that the black wealth gap begins to narrow and all can realize and take part in the American dream.

**SNEADS HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL**

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Sneads High School Volleyball program in Sneads, Florida.

They recently set a new Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) record by winning their eighth straight state championship.

This accomplishment was achieved through hard work and excellence.

This dedicated team was made up of the following Sneads High School students: Caleigh Davis, Brooke A. Smith, Jada Coleman, Lily Glover, Kiara Garrett, Sister Arnold, Jade Fitzsimmons, Chloe King, Katelyn Chumly, Taylor-Reese Howell, Janiyah Jones, Aaliyah Baker, Brooke R. Smith, Gabby Belamy, and Ella Sprouse.

The Sneads High School Volleyball program is fortunate to have the leadership of their current head coach Heather Edge and former head coach Sheila Roberts.

Coach Roberts started this legacy with five consecutive state championships followed by Coach Edge raking in three more consecutive championships to break the state record for a total of eight consecutive state championship wins.

Congratulations to the Sneads High School Lady Pirates on this outstanding accomplishment.

I know that they make their hometown of Sneads and the Jackson County School District very proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on December 16, 2020 due to not being in DC. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 242.

HONORING CHRIS DONESA, COUNSEL TO THE RULEMAKING MEMBER FOR THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a long-standing Capitol Hill veteran, Chris Donesa. For this Congress, I have had the honor of serving as Ranking Member for the House Ethics Com-

mittee, and would like to honor someone who played a critical and important role in supporting me.

For the past two years Chris has served as Counsel to the Ranking Member for the House Ethics Committee. This is an extraordinary assignment to accept, and Chris has conducted himself with the highest levels of professionalism and legal scholarly advice. He has been integral and pivotal in assisting my fellow Republican Members of the Ethics Committee and me this Congress.

A native of Indiana, Chris has a deep commitment to public service that has continued throughout more than three decades of service in the House of Representatives. A Congressional jack of all trades, immediately prior to his service with the Ethics Committee, Chris served as Legal Counsel to the Clerk of the House. I am most fortunate that Chris brought his vast experiences and great wisdom to help my fellow Members of the Ethics Committee and me during this Congress.

The House Ethics Committee is unique amongst the committees in this chamber, as it is evenly split between the Majority and Minority parties. The committee fulfills many key roles for the House community in providing advice, education, and training to help ensure proper compliance. Perhaps the most difficult assignment for the Ethics Committee is to stand in judgment of Members and staffers when they are accused of potential wrongdoing. It takes a very special staffer to serve in this role—someone of the highest integrity and character, coupled with the desire to serve in a position that is often met with unique challenges and high stress. I could not ask for a better person than Chris to fulfill this essential role for me and the greater House community.

Chris has earned himself a well-deserved retirement at the conclusion of this Congress. However, knowing Chris, I know he won't sit still for long and I wish him all the very best for his continued service and new endeavors. I ask for all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Chris Donesa for his service to the House Ethics Committee.

**IMPORTANCE OF MINORITY AND
WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES**

HON. KWANZA HALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak to the importance of Minority and Women owned businesses.

During the Obama Administration, this body, together with our colleagues across the Capitol, passed Dodd-Frank—legendary financial reforms in the wake of the great recession.

One of the key parts of this legislation was Section 342, the office of minority and Women inclusion. The law ensured the eventual development of standards for the following areas:

Equal employment opportunity and the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the workforce and senior management of the agency;

Increased participation of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in the programs and contracts of the agency, including standards for coordinating technical assistance to such businesses; and

Assessment of the diversity policies and practices of entities regulated by the agency.

But this cannot be enough.

We must also ensure that legacy banks and black own banks are sources of capital to support financing of projects for minority communities.

We must also ensure that we support the MBDA, the Minority Business Development Agency.

The MBDA is the only federal agency tasked with promoting the growth and competitiveness of minority-owned businesses.

Madam Speaker, if we do this, we in this Chamber will ensure that the promise of the American Dream is within reach of all who seek it, especially those groups that have been historically marginalized.

**IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
DELGROSSO**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael DelGrosso of Blair County, Pennsylvania for his service to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District on the 2020 U.S. Service Academy Nomination Committee.

Nominating exceptional candidates to attend our nation's service academies is one of my most important responsibilities in Congress. During this process, I rely on members of the Service Academy Nomination Committee, which is comprised of dedicated volunteers who have served our nation with distinction.

Michael is one of nine academy alumni who graciously volunteered their time to meet with and evaluate perspective nominees for the Class of 2025. As a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, Michael knows firsthand the qualities and dedication that are critical for succeeding at the academies. He provided wise counsel and expertise throughout the nominating process, and I am grateful for his time and commitment.

Michael DelGrosso of Blair County is an outstanding Pennsylvanian and American, as well as an excellent role model for future academy students. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my honor to recognize Michael for his service to our community and our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, due to a family matter, I was unable to make votes on 12/16/20. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 242.